

# ROACH MOTEL

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## **Roach Motel - Florida's Punk Rock Legends Tour the Southeast**

Gainesville's "Roach Motel" put Florida on the punk-rock map with their 1983 compilation, "We Can't Help it if We're from Florida". Now they're back to take another swipe at the Sunshine State, this time with a full tour across Florida, Georgia and Tennessee.

Last year's Florida dates attracted much press and smashed beer sales records (true!), and two 2002 releases are nearly sold out, so the rockin' Roaches are taking one more stab at their old stomping grounds.

These shows will feature all original members of the band: Eric Engan (bass), Bob Fetz (vocals), Jeff Hodapp (guitar) and Frank Mullen (drums). Perfectly willing to rest on their laurels (but too embarrassed), the band is feverishly writing new material and assembling an assortment of covers to complement their timeless classics, "I Hate the Sunshine State," "More Beer" and "Brooke Shields Must Die".

In their three-year history, Roach Motel put out three records and were included on several high-profile compilations; played with seminal hardcore bands like the Dead Kennedys, Black Flag and Minor Threat; were featured in reviews and "top-ten" lists in essential magazines like "Maximum Rock & Roll", "Flipside" and others.

### **TOUR DATES 2004**

Fri., March 26 - Miami, FL (*Churchill's*)  
Sat., March 27 - Boynton Beach, FL (*Red Lion*)  
Sun., March 28 - Jacksonville, FL (*Thee Imperial*)  
Mon., March 29 - Orlando, FL (*Will's Pub*)  
Tue., March 30 - Tallahassee, FL (*Big Daddy's*)  
Wed., March 31 - Chattanooga, TN (*Ziggy's*)  
Thu., April 1 - Atlanta, GA (*Echo Lounge*)  
Fri., April 2 - Gainesville, FL (*Eddie C's*)  
Sat., April 3 - Tampa, FL (*Green Room*)

(see <http://www.matteblack.com/roachmotel> for supporting bands and any late changes)

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High-res photos, record art and sound clips are available at:  
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## DISCOGRAPHY:

*Roach and Roll* (1982)  
*We Can't Help It If We're From Florida* (1983)  
*Barricaded Suspects* compilation (1983)  
*Flipside Vinyl Fanzine Vol. 2* (1983)  
*What The Hell, It's Roach Motel* (1984)  
*We Still Can't Help It if We're From Florida* (1992)  
*Killed by Florida* (1998)  
*Barricaded Suspects* (CD Reissue, circa 2000)  
*Worstest Hits* (2002)  
Split LP: *Hated Youth / Roach Motel Live* (2002)

## LINKS:

<http://www.matteblack.com/roachmotel>  
<http://www.soundideadistribution.com/news.html#FLORIDA>  
[http://www.punkmagazine.com/morestuff/listening\\_party9.html#roach](http://www.punkmagazine.com/morestuff/listening_party9.html#roach)  
<http://gainesvillesun.com/apps/pbcs.dll/artikkel?Avis=GS&Kategori=COLUMNS10&Dato=20030321&Lopenr=303200036&Ref=AR>

## MILESTONES:

- Played with Black Flag, Minor Threat, Dead Kennedys, Suicidal Tendencies, CH3, Agnostic Front, and other seminal 80's hardcore bands
- Band ran Destroy Records, which released a memorable Florida punk compilation: "We Can't Help it if We're from Florida". This compilation and their initial release, "Roach & Roll" are sought-after collector's items.
- Their records were reviewed in *Maximum Rock & Roll*, *Flipside*, *Touch & Go*, and other bibles of the punk scene
- The band counts both Ian MacKaye (Minor Threat, Fugazi) and Jello Biafra (Dead Kennedys) as fans - Biafra requested them to open for the Dead Kennedys' only Florida concert
- Attracted mail orders and fan mail from France, Poland, Croatia, Italy and elsewhere
- Added to playlists on dozens of radio stations across the U.S. and internationally
- They played throughout Florida and the U.S., including Miami, Gainesville, Tampa, Tallahassee, Atlanta, Washington, DC, and New York.

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